

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Withdrawn) A molded component, comprising:
a molded member; and
a protrusion printed on a surface of the molded member.
2. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion includes a plurality of Braille dots.
3. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion is transparent.
4. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion is formed of normal-temperature curing resin.
5. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion is formed of photo-curing resin.
6. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion is provided on the surface of the molded member through a screen printing.
7. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein a character is printed on the surface of the molded member.
8. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 7,
wherein the character is printed on the surface of the molded member through a first screen printing by using a first screen having through-holes with a first size, and
wherein the protrusion is provided on the surface of the molded member through a second screen printing by using a second screen having through-holes with a second size greater than the first size.

9. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 7, wherein the protrusion is provided on top of the character.

10. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the molded member has a first surface roughness, the protrusion having a second surface roughness different from the first surface roughness.

11. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 10, wherein the surface of the molded member is a grain surface.

12. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 10, wherein the surface of the molded member is curved.

13. (Withdrawn) An operation panel, comprising:
a molded component including a molded member and a protrusion printed on a surface of the molded member; and
an operation portion received by the molded member for receiving a user's manipulation.

14. (Withdrawn) An operation panel as claimed in claim 14, wherein the operation portion includes an operation switch received by the molded member at a location that enables the user's finger to touch both of the operation switch and the protrusion simultaneously.

15. (Withdrawn) An electronic device, comprising:
a housing;
an operation panel mounted to the housing, the operation panel including:
a molded component including a molded member and a protrusion printed on a surface of the molded member; and
an operation portion received by the molded member for receiving a user's manipulation; and

an electronic unit mounted in the housing and executing a predetermined electronic operation in response to the user's manipulation of the operation portion.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a molded component, comprising:

printing a character of ink on a surface of a molded member; and

forming printing a protrusion directly on the surface of the molded member, on

which the character has already been printed.

17. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claimed in claim 16~~, of producing a molded component, comprising:

printing a character of ink on a surface of a molded member; and

forming a protrusion directly on the surface of the molded member, on which the character has already been printed.

wherein the character printing step executes a first screen printing to print the character on the surface of the molded member by using a first screen having through-holes with a first size, and

wherein the protrusion printing step executes a second screen printing to print the protrusion on the surface of the molded member by using a second screen having through-holes with a second size greater than the first size.

18. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claimed in claim 16~~, of producing a molded component, comprising:

printing a character of ink on a surface of a molded member; and

forming a protrusion directly on the surface of the molded member, on which the character has already been printed,

wherein the surface of the molded member is a grain surface having an upper-leveled portion and a lower-leveled portion, and

wherein the protrusion-printing step prints the protrusion on the surface of the molded member by using a plate film with its thickness greater than a distance between the upper-leveled and the lower-leveled portions.

19. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claimed in claim 16, of producing a~~
molded component, comprising:
_____ printing a character of ink on a surface of a molded member; and
_____ forming a protrusion directly on the surface of the molded member, on which
the character has already been printed,

_____ wherein the surface of the molded member is curved, and

further comprising:

defining at least one first region on at least a part of the entire surface of the molded member, the character-printing step performing its character-printing operation onto each first region; and

defining a plurality of second regions on ~~at least the~~ the at least a part of the entire surface of the molded member, the protrusion-printing step performing its protrusion-printing operation onto each second region, the total number of the plurality of second regions being greater than the total number of the at least one first region.